

**Lancaster
Presbyterian
Church**

*A Congregation of
the Evangelical
Presbyterian Church*

Rev. Dr. Kelly Negus
Senior Pastor

Raffi Wright
*Director of Youth & Music
Ministries*

**The Ten Biblical Principles
of Revitalization:**

1. Remember
God's faithfulness.
2. Repent continually.
3. Be gospel driven
and Christ centered.
4. Pray without ceasing.
5. Minister the word.
6. Cultivate spiritual formation.
7. Engage clear vision,
mission and values.
8. Equip
empowering servant leaders.
9. Build small groups.
10. Pursue
Great Commission discipleship.

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, January 4, 2026

God Sees Our Hearts
1 Samuel 1:1-2:10 (282)
Barren to Blessed
Pastor Kelly Negus

Communion will take place this morning.

This morning we invite all true believers in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to celebrate together the Lord's Supper. Let us prepare our hearts by the examination of our relationship with Christ and bring before Him any known sins. Let us use this time as an opportunity to draw nearer with a true heart in the full assurance of faith as we soon come to proclaim both our belonging to Christ and the salvation we receive from the new covenant sealed through His blood.

**Sunday School & Adult Education
this morning at 10:45am**

**The Ordination & Installation of New Officers will take place
next Sunday, January 11, 2026 during our worship service.**

Purpose:

**For God's glory
we are committed
to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
in all we say and all we do
to make and equip disciples
in our families, our community, and the world.**

Core Values:

**We believe in the authority of Scripture
and we affirm
the historic teachings
of Reformed Christianity.**

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship

January 4, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

Welcome

Please sign the Friendship pad as it is passed through the pew, returning it to the side aisle.

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Assistance Devices

are available
An usher will assist you.

Child Care is provided through kindergarten in room 217 on the 2nd floor. An usher will guide you.

Prayer Cards are available for special prayer requests. Prayer cards can be found in the pew envelope holders and as you enter the balcony. They can be placed in the offering basket. A wooden box in the back of the sanctuary is available for confidential prayer requests.

Please silence your cell phone.

** Stand, if able*

Prelude

Welcome and Friendship Pad – Kevin Selkregg

Call to Worship

(1 Samuel 2, select verses)

"My heart exults in the Lord;

My horn is exalted in the Lord,

"There is no one holy like the Lord,

Nor is there any rock like our God.

the Lord is a God of knowledge,

And with Him actions are weighed.

"The Lord kills and makes alive;

He brings down to Sheol and raises up.

"The Lord makes poor and rich;

He brings low, He also exalts.

"He raises the poor from the dust,

He lifts the needy from the ash heap

To make them sit with nobles,

And inherit a seat of honor;

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,

And He set the world on them.

"He keeps the feet of His godly ones,

But the wicked ones are silenced in darkness;

For not by might shall a man prevail.

"Those who contend with the Lord will be shattered;

Against them He will thunder in the heavens,

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;

And He will give strength to His king,

And will exalt the horn of His anointed."

***Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Red Hymnal #337

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all
blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures
here below;
Women: Praise Him above
ye heavenly host
Men: Praise Him above ye
heavenly host
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
Women: Praise, Father Son
Men: Praise, Father Son
All: Praise, Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost!

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Abba Father, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit,
Thousands upon thousands attend You.
Myriads upon myriads stand expectantly before You
waiting to do Your will,
and yet, You hear us when we pray.
You are wonderful, and we worship You.
Thoughts of Your perfection and righteousness
remind us of our imperfection and sin.
Please hear the confession of our sins
in the silence of this moment.

Silent Confession

Holy One,
like the hosts of heaven we live to do Your will.
Please help us walk with You in the obedience of faith,
in Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Red Hymnal #466

Prayer for Illumination

1 Samuel 1:1-2:10

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Serving of the Elements

Please hold each element to partake together as a congregation.

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

***Doxology**

***Benediction**

Parting Song: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Red Hymnal #98

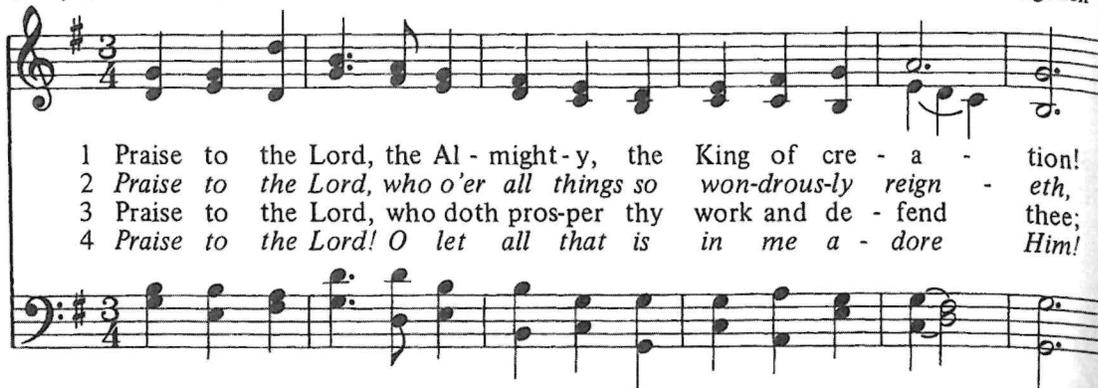
Postlude

Guest Organist – Joanne Lorenzo

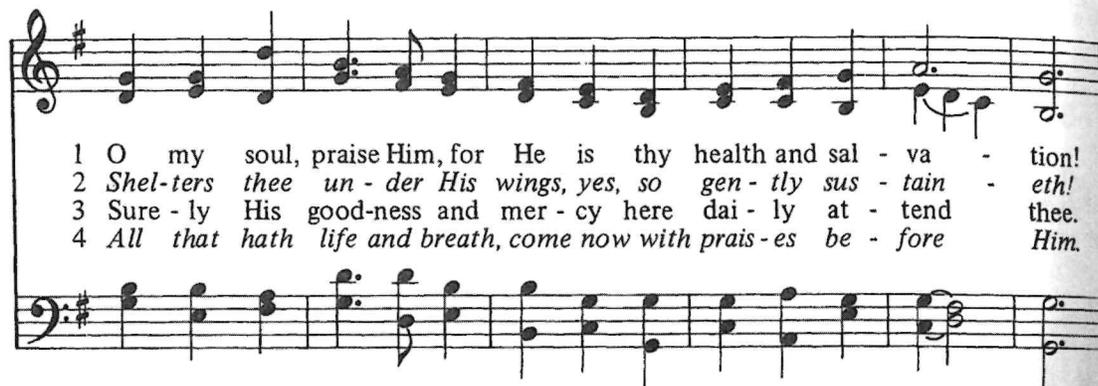
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

For then shalt thou have delight in the Almighty.

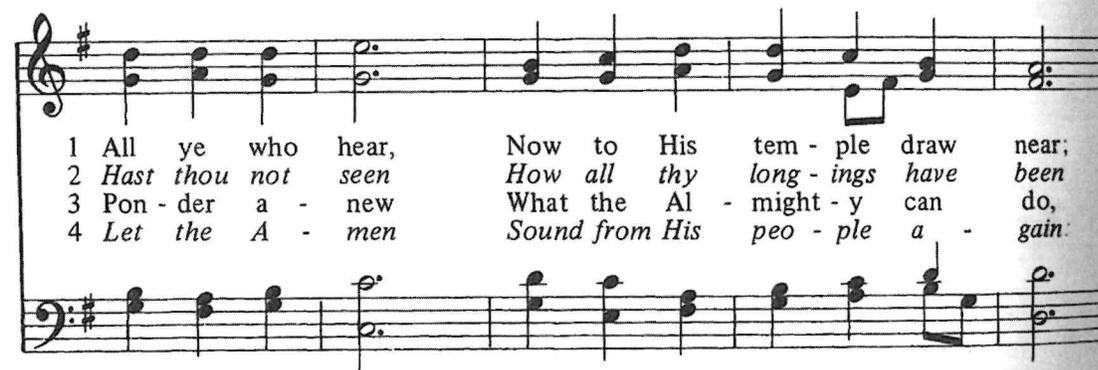
— Job 22:26

Joachim Neander
Tr. by Catherine WinkworthLOBE DEN HERREN
"Stralsund Gesangbuch"


1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth,
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and de - fend thee;
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore Him!



1 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!
 2 Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yes, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!
 3 Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
 4 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him.



1 All ye who hear, Now to His tem - ple draw near;
 2 Hast thou not seen How all thy long - ings have been
 3 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can do,
 4 Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a - gain.



1 Join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 2 Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 3 If with His love He be - friend thee.
 4 Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him. A - men.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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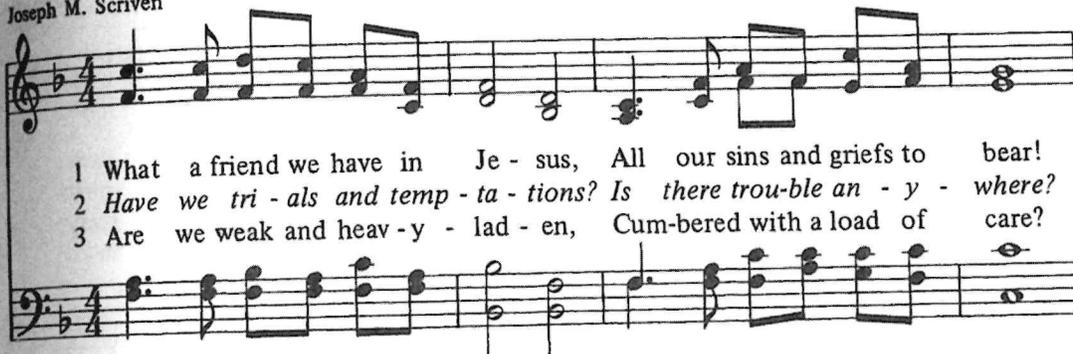
... In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by faith in Him.

— Ephesians 3:12

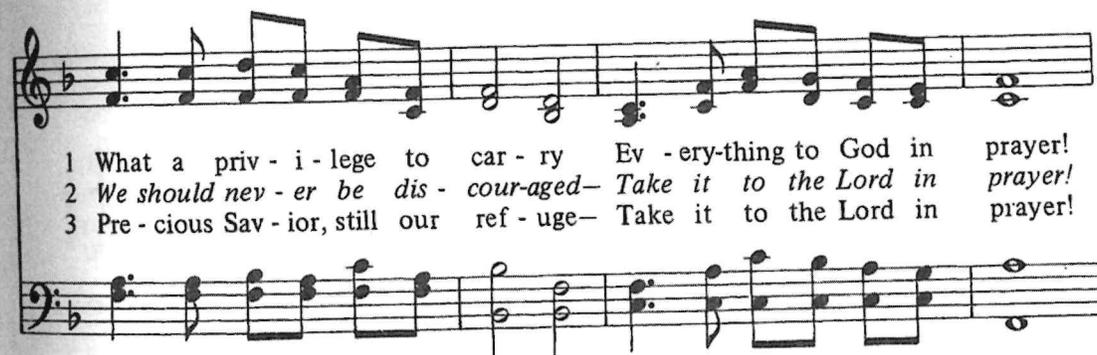
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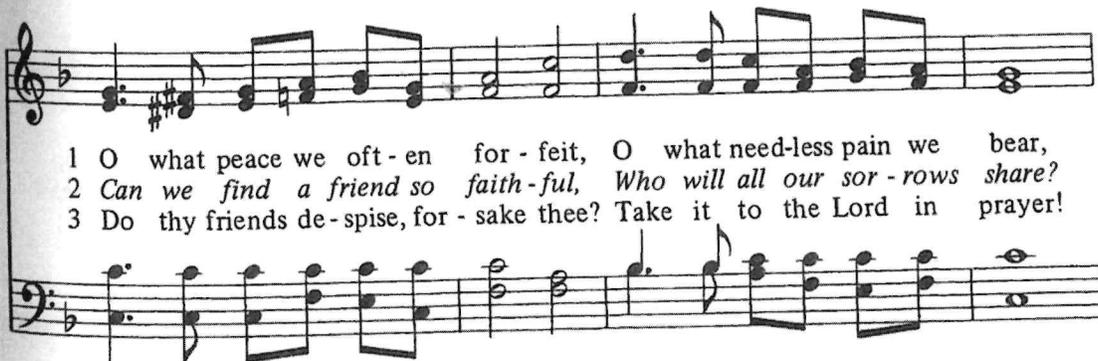
Joseph M. Scriven



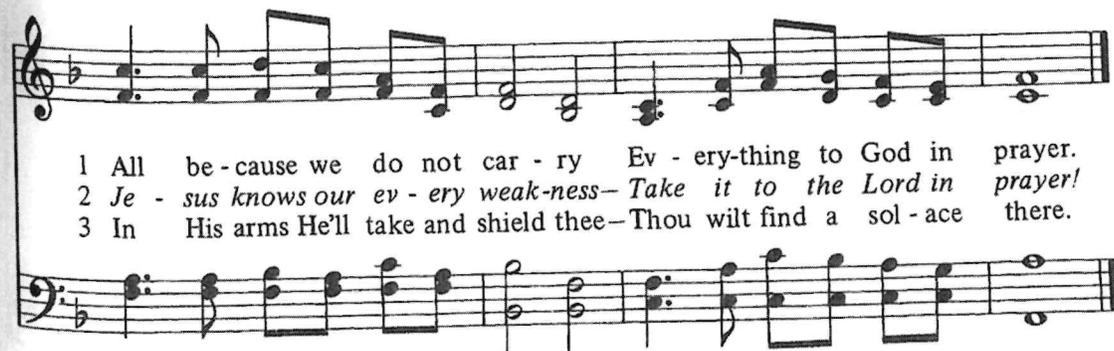
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



1 What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
2 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer!
3 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer!



1 O what peace we oft - en for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
2 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, Who will all our sor - rows share?
3 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



1 All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
2 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer!
3 In His arms He'll take and shield thee— Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

... For He is faithful that promised. — Hebrews 10:23

Based on Lamentations 3:22, 23
Thomas O. ChisholmFAITHFULNESS
William M. Runyan

1 Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther! There is no
2 *Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest, Sun, moon, and*
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thine own dear

1 shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
2 *stars in their cours - es a - bove, Join with all na - ture in*
3 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, Strength for to - day and bright

1 pas - sions, they fail not: As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
2 *man - i - fold wit - ness To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.*
3 hope for to - mor - row— Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed - Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me! A - men.



Praying for Our Family

James McElhinny
Dennis Hopp
Dianne Perry
Marsha Haas
Judy Cavanaugh
Jeremy Miller
Bill Stortz
Helen Markham
Carole Schafer
Mike Eaton
Doris Moranski
Violet Chaves
Judy Martin
Don Flaig

Home Members

Shirley Richard
Nancy Patterson
Dave Breckenridge
Millie Epolito
Jackie Harbold
Judy Kish

Military Personnel:

Thomas Carlsen II

Prayer Ministry:

All prayer requests can be emailed to the church office at office@l-p-c.org, or simply complete the form on our church website.

LPC Youth Update

Awana Clubs and Wednesday Family Night will resume Wednesday, January 7, 2026.

Junior & Senior High Youth Group will resume Saturday, January 10, 2026 (5:30pm to 7:30pm)

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, January 24th—Ice Skating at the East Aurora Outdoor Classic Rink (6:30pm to 8:30pm)

2025 Annual Report *Please start preparing now!*

Annual reports of all groups, committees, and ministries of LPC will be due in January. Reports should include all pertinent information, personnel and accomplishments of 2025. Please send to the church office by January 20th in order for your report to be included in the Annual Report. The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 12:00pm in the sanctuary.

Ladies Bible and Brunch Series - Saturday, January 24, 2026

Discerning the real Jesus from the counterfeits: Lessons from the Gospel of John

Mark your calendars for the following Saturdays in 2026:
January 24, 2026, March 21, 2026, May 16, 2026

Time: 10-11:30am

What to bring: A friend

Cost: a donation of \$13 for brunch if able



Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Saturday, January 10, 2026

Sign up today to be a part!

Men, join us and bring a friend for the next Men's Fellowship Brunch in Waith Hall on Saturday, January 10, 2026. The morning will begin around 9:00 AM with coffee and donuts and finish at approximately 11:30 AM. This time together will include a message from Eddy Kuffel, singing led by Raffi and a catered brunch. We will continue with the theme of The Disciplines of a Godly man from the book by Kent Hughes. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call the office so we know the number who plan to attend. Join us for a blessed time of fellowship. There will be a special gift for everyone who attends. *Please consider a \$15 donation to help cover the cost of the breakfast.* Any questions contact Kevin Selkregg at 716-969-3763.

Mighty Warriors Sunday School Class resumes Sunday January 11

January 11, January 25, February 8, February 22

Come and grow in the Lord. He LOVES YOU! King David writes in Psalm 52: 8b

"I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever." May God be glorified!

In His Service, Mrs. Miller

A Special Thank You Beloved, during the Christmas season, several members of our church family anonymously left gifts in my office. Though I do not know who you are, I know the Lord sees you. Your kindness and generosity ministered deeply to me and stand as a testimony to God's grace at work within this church family. Truly, thank you. ~Raffi Wright

To The Congregation of LPC...I want to thank you for the many Sympathy cards and notes you sent me. They gave me great comfort during this time of grief. I'm truly blessed to be a member of a loving church family. Thank you Pastor Kelly for your phone calls. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy New Year. Love, Sharon Bielmeier

Now meeting in Room 114/115
"A journey through the One Year Chronological Bible"!!

Our second Adult Sunday School class has started reading through the Bible in 2026! Each week we'll focus on:

- Reviewing the readings from the previous week
- Seeking a deeper understanding of key passages
- Reading aloud the Bible passages for the Sunday we are meeting

We will be meeting in the first floor classroom listed as 114/115 starting January 4th from 10:45am - 11:45am.

If you are unable to attend but would like to receive the daily readings electronically (via email) sign up at this website link: <https://chronologicalbibleblog.com/>

Thank you for joining in, we'll be learning as we enjoy weekly fellowship together. **Rob Macdonald**

New Adult Education Class - The Book of Galatians

In addition to the One Year Chronological Bible class led by Rob MacDonald, there will also be a second adult Sunday school class held concurrently in Waith Hall studying the Book of Galatians. This study, called No Other Gospel, will include a 25-minute video featuring Dr. Derek Thomas of Ligonier Ministries. Dr. Thomas emphasizes that Christians must hold fast to the truth of the gospel. When false teachers were distorting the gospel among the churches in Galatia, the Apostle Paul wrote an impassioned letter in order to defend the message of God's grace in Christ. In No Other Gospel, Dr. Thomas walks us through the background, teaching, and importance of the letter to the Galatians. He encourages Christians to stand firm and rest in Christ for their salvation.

LPC Emergency Closing Procedures

Lancaster Presbyterian Church will close under the following circumstances:

- Travel Ban in Lancaster due to weather related events
- State of Emergency in Lancaster due to weather related events
- Safety threat to Lancaster Presbyterian Church and its surrounding neighborhood

In the event of a closing or canceling of Sunday services, please refer to:

- Channel 2 News and Channel 7 News
- LPC Facebook page and LPC website

Please note that the decision to cancel Sunday morning services will be made no later than 7:30am.

Weekly and Year to Date Giving

December 28th Gifts	2025 Received
\$20,492	\$489,111
Weekly Required Budget	2025 Annual Budget
	\$470,000

The Lord has blessed LPC mightily through your faithful giving, Happy New Year!!!

Footnote: The 2025 gifts received include \$50,000 of recent planned giving as a blessing in memory of Gloria Chaves.



How to Give Online

1. Scan the QR code
2. Visit l-p-c.org/give/